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# Annotated list of items included in the provisional agenda

# Note by the Secretariat

The following annotated list of the items contained in the provisional agenda for the eighteenth session of the Assembly of States Parties ("the Assembly") to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/18/1/Rev.1) has been prepared to assist the Assembly in its consideration of issues before it at its eighteenth session, which will be convened in The Hague on Monday, 2 December 2019, at 10 a.m. The status of the documentation reflected herein is current as at 18 November 2019.

#### 1. Opening of the session by the President

In accordance with article 112, paragraph 6, of the Rome Statute, the Assembly meets once a year in regular session. At the 13th meeting of the seventeenth session, on 12 December 2018, the Assembly requested the Secretariat to present options for scheduling the next session of the Assembly and requested the Bureau to decide on the date and venue of the eighteenth session by 31 January 2019.<sup>1</sup> At its first meeting, on 7 February 2019, the Bureau decided to hold the eighteenth session of the Assembly in The Hague from 2 to 7 December 2019, for a total of six working days.<sup>2</sup>

#### 2. Silent prayer or meditation

Pursuant to rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, immediately after the opening of the first plenary meeting and immediately preceding the closing of the final plenary meeting, the President shall invite the representatives to observe one minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

#### 3. Adoption of the agenda

Rules 10 to 13 and 18 to 22 of the Rules of Procedure concerning the agenda are applicable to regular sessions.

In accordance with rules 10 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure, the provisional agenda for the eighteenth session was issued on 8 May 2019. In accordance with rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure, the agenda shall be submitted to the Assembly for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

#### Documentation

Provisional agenda (ICC-ASP/18/1/Rev.1)

#### 4. Election of a Bureau member

Article 112, paragraph 3 (b), of the Rome Statute provides that the Bureau shall have a representative character, taking account, in particular, equitable geographical distribution and the adequate representation of the principal legal systems of the world.

Pursuant to rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended by resolutions ICC-ASP/3/Res.2 and ICC-ASP/12/Res.8, at the 5th meeting of its third session, the Assembly agreed on the following composition of the Bureau:

- (a) Group of African States: 5 seats;
- (b) Group of Asia-Pacific States: 3 seats.
- (c) Group of Eastern European States: 4 seats;
- (d) Group of Latin American and Caribbean States: 4 seats; and
- (e) Group of Western European and other States: 5 seats;

At its sixteenth session, the Assembly, pursuant to rule 29 of its Rules of Procedure, elected the Bureau for the seventeenth to nineteenth sessions of the Assembly. The members from the Asia-Pacific group elected to the Bureau, on the recommendation of the Bureau, were Japan and the State of Palestine. At the prior seventh meeting of the Bureau, on 4 December 2017, the Bureau had taken note of an internal arrangement agreed to by the three candidate States Parties, i.e. Bangladesh, Japan and the State of Palestine, whereby Japan and the State of Palestine would serve until the conclusion of the seventeenth session; Bangladesh and Japan would serve from the day after the conclusion of the State of Palestine would serve from the day after the conclusion until the conclusion of the seventeenth session until the conclusion of the eighteenth session until the conclusion of the seventeenth session until the conclusion of the seventee

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ICC-ASP/17/Res.5, annex I, para. 19 (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://asp.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp\_docs/ASP18/ICC-ASP-2019-Bureau-1-b.pdf

nineteenth session.<sup>3</sup> At its eighteenth session, the Assembly will elect the State of Palestine to replace Japan until the conclusion of the nineteenth session.

#### 5. States in arrears

According to article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute, "A State Party which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions towards the costs of the Court shall have no vote in the Assembly and in the Bureau if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years."

At its fourth session, the Assembly took note of the report of the Bureau on the arrears of States Parties<sup>4</sup> and the recommendations therein and invited the Bureau to report back to the fifth session of the Assembly on the status of arrears, including on suggestions, if necessary, of measures to promote the timely, full and unconditional payment of assessed contributions and advances towards the costs of the Court. Furthermore, the Assembly decided that requests for exemption under article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute, should be submitted by States Parties to the Secretariat of the Assembly at least one month before the session of the Committee on Budget and Finance ("the Committee"), so as to facilitate the Committee's review of the requests and that the Committee should advise the Assembly before the Assembly decided on any requests for exemption under article 112, paragraph 8, of the Rome Statute.<sup>5</sup>

At its fifth session, the Assembly renewed the appeal to States Parties in arrears to settle their accounts with the Court as soon as possible. In this connection, the Assembly adopted resolution ICC-ASP/5/Res.3 containing recommendations setting out a specific procedure for requesting exemptions from the loss of voting rights<sup>6</sup> and decided that the Bureau should review on a regular basis the status of payments received throughout the financial year of the Court and consider additional measures to promote payments by States Parties, as appropriate.<sup>7</sup>

At its seventeenth session, the Assembly decided that the Bureau, through the President of the Assembly, the Coordinator of the Working Group and the facilitator, "should continue to monitor the status of payments received throughout the financial year of the Court and consider additional measures to promote payments by all States Parties, as appropriate, continue to engage in dialogue with States Parties that have outstanding contributions or are in arrears, and via the re-establishment of an annual facilitation on the topic of arrears, report thereon to the Assembly at its eighteenth session".<sup>8</sup>

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Bureau on the arrears of States Parties (ICC-ASP/18/34)

#### 6. Credentials of representatives of States at the eighteenth session

#### (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, provides that a Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session. It shall consist of representatives of nine States Parties, which shall be appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President.

<sup>6</sup> Official Records...Fifth session... 2006 (ICC-ASP/5/32), part III, ICC-ASP/5/Res.3, annex III.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See: Agenda and decisions of the 4 December 2017 meeting of the Bureau at https://asp.icccpi.int/iccdocs/asp\_docs/Bureau/ICC-ASP-2017-Bureau-07.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ICC-ASP/4/14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Official Records ... Fourth session ... 2005 (ICC-ASP/4/32), part III, ICC-ASP/4/Res.4, paras. 40, 43 and 44.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., para. 42.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Official Records...Seventeenth session... 2018 (ICC-ASP/17/20), vol. I, part III, ICC-ASP/17/Res.5, annex I, para. 16(b).

### (b) Report of the Credentials Committee

Representation and credentials are regulated by rules 23 to 28 of the Rules of Procedure. In accordance with rule 24, the credentials of representatives of States Parties and the names of alternates and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretariat if possible not later than 24 hours after the opening of the session. The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them.

Under rule 25, a Credentials Committee, consisting of representatives of nine States Parties to be appointed at the beginning of each session by the Assembly on the proposal of the President, shall examine the credentials of representatives of States Parties and report to the Assembly without delay.

# 7. Organization of work

The Assembly will consider and adopt a programme of work at the beginning of the session on the basis of a proposal by the Bureau.

# 8. General debate

No documentation

# 9. **Report on the activities of the Bureau**

In accordance with article 112, paragraph 2(c), of the Rome Statute, the Assembly shall consider the reports and activities of the Bureau and take appropriate action in that regard.

Documentation

Report of the Bureau on legal aid (ICC-ASP/18/11)

Report of the Court on cooperation (ICC-ASP/18/16 and Corr.1)

Report of the Bureau on cooperation (ICC-ASP/18/17)

Report of the Bureau on the Advisory Committee on Nominations (ICC-ASP/18/19)

Report on the constitution and activities of the International Criminal Court Bar Association ("ICCBA") (ICC-ASP/18/21)

Annual report of the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism (ICC-ASP/18/22)

Report of the Bureau on non-cooperation (ICC-ASP/18/23)

Report of the Bureau on the Plan of action of the Assembly of States Parties for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/18/24)

Report of the Bureau on complementarity (ICC-ASP/18/25)

Report of the Bureau on equitable geographical representation and gender balance in the recruitment of staff of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/18/26)

Report of the Bureau on the Study Group on Governance (ICC-ASP/18/27)

Report of the Bureau on the Budget sub-topics of Budget Management Oversight and Premises (ICC-ASP/18/30)

Report of the Bureau on the review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges (ICC-ASP/18/31)

Report of the Working Group on Amendments (ICC-ASP/18/32)

Report of the Working Group on the Revision of the Judges' Remuneration (ICC-ASP/18/33)

Report of the Bureau on the Review of the work and the Operational Mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism (ICC-ASP/18/29)

Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties: Election of the Prosecutor – Terms of Reference (ICC-ASP/18/INF.2)

Interim Report of the Committee on the Election of the Prosecutor (ICC-ASP/18/INF.4)

#### 10. Report on the activities of the Court

Under article 112, paragraph 2(b), of the Rome Statute, the Assembly shall provide management oversight to the Presidency, the Prosecutor and the Registrar regarding the administration of the Court. In accordance with article 112, paragraph 5, of the Rome Statute, the President of the Court, the Prosecutor and the Registrar or their representatives may participate in meetings of the Assembly. As provided in rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, they may make oral or written statements and provide information on any question under consideration. Accordingly, the President of the Court will present a report on the activities of the Court since the seventeenth session of the Assembly.

#### Documentation

Report on the activities of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/18/9)

#### 11. Report of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims

By its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.6,<sup>9</sup> the Assembly established a Trust Fund for the benefit of victims of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court, and of the families of such victims, as well as a Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for the benefit of victims.

In accordance with paragraph 11 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.6, the Board shall report annually to the Assembly on the activities and projects of the Fund and on all offered voluntary contributions, regardless of whether they were accepted or refused.

#### Documentation

Report to the Assembly of States Parties on the projects and the activities of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (ICC-ASP/18/14)

#### 12. Election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

By resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, the Assembly established a Committee on Budget and Finance. The Committee is composed of 12 members of different nationalities who shall be experts of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level from States Parties. They shall be elected by the Assembly for a term of office of three years on the basis of equitable geographical distribution.

On 26 February 2019, the Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties decided that the election of six members of the Committee on Budget and Finance would take place at the eighteenth session of the Assembly. Pursuant to the decision of the Bureau, the nomination period for the candidates for six seats on the Committee on Budget and Finance ran from 3 June to 25 August 2019 (Central European Time).

The distribution of seats among the regional groups for the purpose of the first election was established in paragraph 8 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5 as follows:

- (a) Two seats for the Group of African States;
- (b) Two seats for the Group of Asian States;
- (c) Two seats for the Group of Eastern European States;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Official Records ... First session, New York, 3-10 September 2002 (ICC-ASP/1/3 and Corr.1), part IV.

- (d) Two seats for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and
- (e) Four seats for the Group of Western European and Other States.

The six members whose terms of office will end on 20 April 2020 belong to the following regional groups:

- (a) African States- one seat;
- (b) Eastern European States- one seat;
- (c) Latin American and Caribbean States- one seat; and
- (d) Western European and Other States- three seats.

At the close of the nomination period on 25 August 2019, six nominations had been received. Of the six nominations, one was submitted by the Group of African States; one by the Group of Eastern European States; one by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and three by the Group of Western European and other States.

Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacant seats, including the relevant regional groups, the Bureau, on 17 September 2019, recommended<sup>10</sup> that the Assembly elect the six candidates nominated, for three-year terms commencing on 21 April 2020.

#### Documentation

Election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/18/7)

#### 13. Election to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance

Following the 18 March 2019 resignation of a member of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Bureau, at its 7 May 2019 meeting, fixed the nomination period for the presentation of candidates for the election to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance to run for 12 weeks, from 3 June to 25 August 2019 (Central European Time). In accordance with the allocation of the twelve seats of the Committee, the vacancy corresponded to the Western European and other States group. States Parties from that regional group were therefore invited to submit nominations to fill the vacancy. At the close of the nomination period on 25 August 2019, one nomination had been received.

At its 17 September 2019 meeting, the Bureau decided, pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5<sup>11</sup> to recommend that the Assembly elect the one candidate to the Committee on Budget and Finance at its eighteenth session, to complete the term of the member who had resigned, i.e. until 20 April 2021.

#### Documentation

Election to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Budget and Finance (ICC-ASP/18/8)

#### 14. Election of one member of the Advisory Committee on the nomination of judges

Article 36, paragraph 4 (c), of the Rome Statute provides that the Assembly "may decide to establish, if appropriate, an Advisory Committee on nominations. In that event, the Committee's composition and mandate shall be established by the Assembly of States Parties." At the eleventh session, the Assembly established the Advisory Committee on nominations of judges and, on the recommendation of the Bureau,<sup>12</sup> appointed by consensus the nine members of the Committee. At its seventeenth session, the Assembly, on the recommendation of the Bureau,<sup>13</sup> appointed by consensus eight members of the Advisory Committee for three-year terms commencing on 5 December 2018, and decided that the ninth member would be appointed at the eighteenth session of the Assembly.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Pursuant to resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, para. 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Procedure for the nomination and election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance; see para. 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Report of the Bureau Working Group on the Advisory Committee on Nominations (ICC-ASP/11/47).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Report of the Bureau on the Advisory Committee on Nominations (ICC-ASP/17/21).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Official Records ... Seventeenth session... 5-12 December 2018 (ICC-ASP/17/20), vol. I, part I, para. 28.

On 26 February 2019, the Bureau fixed the nomination period for the presentation of candidates to fill the ninth seat on the Committee to run for 12 weeks, from 3 June to 25 August 2019 (Central European Time). At the close of the nomination period on 25 August 2019, one nomination had been received.

At its 17 September 2019 meeting, the Bureau, pursuant to the Terms of Reference for the establishment of an Advisory Committee,<sup>15</sup> decided to recommend that the Assembly appoint the one candidate to the Advisory Committee on Budget and Finance at its eighteenth session. In accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau to the seventeenth session,<sup>16</sup> the candidate appointed would serve for the remainder of the three-year term, i.e. until 2021, with the possibility of being re-elected only once.

The Assembly will, on the recommendation of the Bureau, appoint one member of the Advisory Committee.

#### Documentation

Designation of a member of the Advisory Committee on Nominations (ICC-ASP/18/18) Report of the Bureau on the Advisory Committee on Nominations (ICC-ASP/18/19)

#### 15. Consideration and adoption of the budget for the eighteenth financial year

In accordance with article 112, paragraph 2(d), of the Rome Statute, the Assembly shall consider and decide on the budget of the Court.

Regulation 3 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the Court provides that the Registrar shall prepare the proposed programme budget for each financial period and submit it to the States Parties as well as to the Committee on Budget and Finance for consideration. The Committee shall make the relevant recommendations to the Assembly.

At its third session, the Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that the Court should include in future performance reports data on financial performance and results achieved rather than outputs. This information should be submitted annually to the Assembly through the Committee either in the draft programme budget or in a separate performance report.<sup>17</sup>

#### Documentation

Report on activities and programme performance of the International Criminal Court for the year 2018 (ICC-ASP/18/3)

Report of the Court on Human Resources Management (ICC-ASP/18/4)

Report of the Court on payment plans for assessed contributions (ICC-ASP/18/6)

Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the work of its thirty-second session (ICC-ASP/18/5)<sup>18</sup>

Proposed Programme Budget for 2020 of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/18/10, and Add.1)<sup>19</sup>

Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the work of its thirty-third session (ICC-ASP/18/15)<sup>20</sup>

Report of the Registry on the approximate costs allocated so far within the Court in relation to referrals by the Security Council (ICC-ASP/18/28)

Report of the Bureau on the Budget sub-topics of Budget Management Oversight and Premises (ICC-ASP/18/30)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Report of the Bureau on the establishment of an Advisory Committee on nominations of judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/10/36), annex, para. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Report of the Bureau on the Advisory Committee on Nominations (ICC-ASP/17/21), para. 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Official Records ... Third session ... 2004 (ICC-ASP/3/25), part II.A.8 (b), para. 50, and part II.A.1, para. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Official Records... Eighteenth session.... 2019 (ICC-ASP/18/20), vol. II, part B.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Ibid., part A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Ibid., part B.2.

Proposed Programme Budget for 2020 of the International Criminal Court – Executive Summary (ICC-ASP/18/INF.3)

#### 16. Consideration of the audit reports

Regulation 12 of the Financial Regulations and Rules provides that the Assembly shall appoint an Auditor to conduct audits in conformity with generally accepted common auditing standards, subject to any special directions of the Assembly and in accordance with the additional terms of reference set out in the annex to the Financial Regulations and Rules. At the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of its first session, on 22 April 2003, the Assembly was informed that the Bureau, acting under the delegated authority of the Assembly,<sup>21</sup> had appointed the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as Auditor for the Court for a period of four years.<sup>22</sup>

At its tenth session, the Assembly endorsed the Committee's recommendation to appoint *la Cour des comptes* (France) as the new External Auditor of the International Criminal Court and the Trust Fund for Victims for four years starting with the financial year 2012.<sup>23</sup> At its fourteenth session, the Assembly agreed to extend the term of the External Auditor by two years so as to include the financial statements of the Court and the Trust Fund for Victims for 2016 and 2017, and decided to expand the scope of that mandate by including performance audits.<sup>24</sup> At its fifteenth session, the Assembly agreed to extend the term of the External Auditor by a further two years so as to include the financial statements of the Court and the Trust Fund for Victims for 2018 and 2019.<sup>25</sup>

In accordance with regulation 12.7, the Auditor shall issue a report on the audit of the financial statements and relevant schedules relating to the accounts for the financial period. In accordance with regulations 12.8 and 12.9, audit reports, before their submission to the Assembly, are subject to examination by the Registrar and the Committee on Budget and Finance. The Assembly considers and approves the financial statements and audit reports forwarded to it by the Committee.

The Assembly will also consider the reports of the Audit Committee on the work of its ninth and tenth sessions.<sup>26</sup>

#### Documentation

Financial statements of the International Criminal Court for the year ended 31 December 2018 (ICC-ASP/18/12)<sup>27</sup>

Financial statements of the Trust Fund for Victims for the year ended 31 December 2018 (ICC-ASP/18/13)<sup>28</sup>

Final audit report on the budget process of the International Criminal Court (ICC-ASP/18/2/Rev.1)

### 17. Review of the work and operational mandate of the Independent Oversight mechanism

At its twelfth session, the Assembly of States Parties adopted the operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism (IOM)<sup>29</sup> and decided that the work and the operational mandate of the IOM would be fully reviewed at its fifteenth session. In light of the lengthy recruitment process for the Head of the IOM, following which the first Head assumed duty in October 2015,<sup>30</sup> the Assembly recognized that the review would not be possible at the fifteenth session. In order to give the new Head<sup>31</sup> sufficient time to acquire the

<sup>22</sup> Official Records ... First session (first and second resumptions) ... 2003 (ICC-ASP/1/3/Add.1), part I, para. 40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Official Records ... First session, New York, 3-10 September 2002 (ICC-ASP/1/3 and Corr.1), part I, para. 29.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Official Records ... Tenth session ... 2011 (ICC-ASP/10/20), vol. I, part II, para. 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Official Records ... Fourteenth session ... 2015 (ICC-ASP/14/20), vol. I, part III, ICC-ASP/14/Res.1, para K.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Official Records ... Fifteenth session ... 2016 (ICC-ASP/15/20), vol. I, part III, ICC-ASP/15/Res.1, para K.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Available on the website of the Assembly at <u>http://asp.icc-cpi.int/en\_menus/asp/AuditCommittee</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Official Records... Eighteenth session.... 2019 (ICC-ASP/18/20), vol. II, part C.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Ibid., part C.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> ICC-ASP/12/Res.6, annex.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Resigned effective 10 December 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Assumed duty on 1 November 2018.

necessary experience to properly inform the Assembly's review of its work and operational mandate, the Bureau decided, at its 13 July 2016 meeting, that the review would take place at the seventeenth session of the Assembly, once a reasonable period had transpired with the IOM being properly staffed.<sup>32</sup>

At its sixteenth session, the Assembly recalled the above-mentioned recommendation of the Bureau<sup>33</sup> and decided to fully review the work and the operational mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism at its seventeenth session.<sup>34</sup> At its seventeenth session, the Assembly stressed the importance of completing that review and reporting to the Assembly at its eighteenth session.<sup>35</sup>

#### Documentation

Report of the Bureau on the Review of the work and the Operational Mandate of the Independent Oversight Mechanism (ICC-ASP/18/29)

Annual report of the Head of the Independent Oversight Mechanism (ICC-ASP/18/22)

Interim report of the Office of the Prosecutor in response to paragraph 140 of resolution ICC/ASP/17/Res.5 (ICC-ASP/18/INF.5)

#### 18. Amendments to the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure and Evidence

By resolution ICC-ASP/8/Res.6, the Assembly established a Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties for the purpose of considering, as from its ninth session, amendments to the Rome Statute proposed in accordance with article 121, paragraph 1, of the Statute at its eighth session,<sup>36</sup> as well as any other possible amendments to the Rome Statute and to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, with a view to identifying amendments to be adopted in accordance with the Rome Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties.

The Assembly will consider the report of the Working Group.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Amendments (ICC-ASP/18/32)

#### 19. Cooperation

By resolutions ICC-ASP/15/Res.3<sup>37</sup> and ICC-ASP/15/Res.5,<sup>38</sup> the Assembly requested the Bureau to maintain a facilitation of the Assembly of States Parties for cooperation to consult with States Parties, the Court, other interested States, relevant organizations and non-governmental organizations in order to further strengthen cooperation with the Court.

On 5 December 2019, the Assembly will hold a plenary session on cooperation, which will address as the main topic the inter-State and regional cooperation initiatives for the effective implementation of the International Criminal Court's mandate.

Documentation

Report of the Court on cooperation (ICC-ASP/18/16 and Corr.1)

Report of the Bureau on cooperation (ICC-ASP/18/17)

<sup>32</sup> https://asp.icc-cpi.int/iccdocs/asp\_docs/Bureau/ICC-ASP-2016-Bureau-05-13Jul2016.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> ICC-ASP/16/Res.6, para. 120.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Ibid, annex I, para. 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> ICC-ASP/17/Res.5, para 134.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Official Records ... Eighth session ... 2009 (ICC-ASP/8/20), vol. I, annex II.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Para. 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Annex I, para. 3 (h).

# 20. Decision concerning the date of the next session of the Assembly of States Parties

In accordance with rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, the date of commencement and the duration of each session of the Assembly shall be decided by the Assembly at its previous session. The Assembly will take a decision on the dates and venue of its nineteenth session and the venue of its twentieth session.

# 21. Decisions concerning the dates and venue of the next sessions of the Committee on Budget and Finance

In accordance with paragraph 4 of the annex to resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, the Committee on Budget and Finance shall meet when required and at least once per year. At its thirty-third session, the Committee decided tentatively to hold its thirty-fourth session from 4 to 8 May 2020 and its thirty-fifth session from 14 to 25 September 2020.<sup>39</sup> The Assembly will take a decision on the dates and venue of the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions of the Committee.

# 22. Other matters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> ICC-ASP/18/15, para. 277.